

# GREATESCAPES

Where in the world to wed, honeymoon, and more TEXT BY Kelly Lack

### LOCATION SCOUT

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CAMPECHE, MEXICO

In a lush tropical jungle outside a colonial town, there's a centuries-old agave factory-turned-boutique hotel that sets a surreal scene for a destination wedding. First, you'll pledge your love in on-site chapel ruins, tree frogs whistling their approval. Then, after a dinner of just-caught fish and from-the-garden produce, it's fiesta time. Take over the entire place if you wantthe estate sleeps 36, and the property can accommodate receptions of up to 700(!). Turn the page to find more ways to infuse your I do's with authentic Latin flair (from \$299 a night, haciendauayamon.com).

# TRAVELIN (YOUR) STYLE Whether you're preppy or boho, a modernist or naturalist, let your disposition determine where

you and your new husband will honeymoon.

### FOR TRADITIONALISTS

Classic pieces line your closet, and you love regal, old-world charm. You and your groom wouldn't dare plan a date during Downton Abbey.

### **BERMUDA**

Covering just 21 square miles, this British island, founded in 1612, is a delightful mix of buttoned-up sensibilities and laid-back island vibes. Local judges don powdered wigs, St. Georges still employs a town crier, and residents break for afternoon tea. That's not to say you won't spend hours lazing on pink sand at Jobson's Cove or Chaplin Bay; wandering through streets lined with pastel cottages; and being amused by the fact that here, "business casual" means Bermuda shorts and knee-high socks. WHERE TO STAY Fondly called "The Pink Palace," the Fairmont Hamilton Princess has been a hot spot since the late 1800s, when Mark Twain was a regular (from \$299 a night, fairmont.com). Also legendary is its high tea. For more boutique-y digs, go for Rosedon, a 39-room mansion that retains the feel of its past life as a private home (from \$230 a night, rosedon com).

WHERE TO EAT Most restaurants serve fish chowder, but the Hog Penny Pub does it best (hogpenny pub.com). The top cocktail? That's a tie between the Dark and Stormy and the Rum Swizzle, a mishmash of rums and fruit juices. Have the former at The Dock at the Waterlot Inn (fairmont.com) and the latter at the Swizzle Inn, whose motto is "Swizzle Inn, Swagger Out" (swizzleinn.com). DON'T MISS Swing by Stewart Hall, a 306-year-old cottage housing The Bermuda Perfumery, which makes fragrances using the area's flowers (bermuda-perfumery.com).

WHEN TO GO Late spring, before summer break hits and the island fills up.

**HOW TO GET THERE Fly** 21/2 hours from New York City

to BDA, then catch a half-hour cab ride from the airport.



You're always on the lookout for the next best thing-from apps to the latest mixology craze-so you naturally gravitate toward all the new and different experiences of a city.

### SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Oz's cosmopolitan capital is a knockout, combining urban diversions and surfing oases. Sure, there's the iconic Opera House and the climbable Sydney Harbour Bridge, but there are plenty of off-the-beatenpath places where the city's energy



is palpable in buzzy new restaurants and rooftop bars.

WHERE TO STAY A design-forward place to unpack your baggage, the QT Sydney is just the right amount of hip, with oversize furnishings and a jewel-tone palette (from \$367 a night, qtsydney.com.au). In late 2013, the 90-room 1888 Hotel, a former wool-storage facility, opens its doors just minutes from Darling Harbour (1888hotel.com.au). Or, get a Pacificfacing house all to yourselves on Bondi Beach (from \$1,690 for three days, staybondi.com.au).

WHERE TO EAT To sample an ofthe-moment tasting menu, hit up Momofuku Seiōbo, New York chef David Chang's recent Down Under addition to his Asian-fusion empire (momofuku.com/sydney/seiobo). If it's views you're after, try the modern Australian cuisine at Quay, across from the Opera House (quay.com.au). For post-dinner drinks, Sydneysiders flock to underground whiskey bar The Baxter Inn, located a few blocks from the QT (thebaxterinn.com).

DON'T MISS Slip into the backseat of tour guide Richard Graham's retro 1964 EH Holden sedan (an Aussie original), and he'll take you to neighborhoods you might miss on your own, from an Aboriginal enclave to Dover Heights, the Bel-Air of Sydney (mysydneydetour.com).

> WHEN TO GO During our spring (their fall), when balmy weather lingers and ocean temps are at their warmest.

HOW TO GET THERE Jet right into Sydney. It's a 151/2-hour flight from LAX, so be sure to load up that tablet!

### FOR NATURALISTS

You're the types who like having campfire-scented hair and always prefer fresh air to Times Square. Your weekend essentials consist of jeans, Ts, and his-and-her Nalgenes.

### GLACIER COUNTRY, MONTANA

In this region, steep mountainsides bottom out into mirror lakes, and valleys flower with frothy beargrass and bright red Indian paintbrush in the spring. But far from just a looker,





Montana has unparalleled hiking, tubing, and critter-spotting (elk, bison, and bears, oh my!).

WHERE TO STAY The best all-inclusive resorts for glamping are nestled in this corner of Big Sky Country. There are the luxe log cabins at Triple Creek Ranch in Darby, high in the Bitterroot Mountains (from \$950 a night, triplecreekranch .com). The Resort at Paws Up in Greenough recently opened Cliffside Camp, which features one- or two-bedroom tents, each with an en suite bathroom, electricity, A/C, a claw-foot tub, and, yes, a butler (\$1,475 a night, pawsup.com). Inside the boundaries of Glacier National Park, the Many Glacier Hotel is a sprawling chalet-style wonder (from \$155 a night, glacierparkinc.com).

WHERE TO EAT All of the above serve home-on-the-range delicacies-think buffalo burgers and blueberry flapjacks-but off-campus, there's the delightful wine bar Red Bird in downtown Missoula (redbird restaurant.com) and the adorably tiny Polebridge Mercantile, which turns out huckleberry bear claws (polebridgemercantile.com).

DON'T MISS Drive an hour east of Missoula and spend a day at the trapped-in-time saloons in Garnet, a well-preserved mining ghost town (garnetghosttown.net).

WHEN TO GO Spring for the wildflowers; summer for taking a dip in the lakes and rivers.

HOW TO GET THERE Fly into Missoula International (3 hours direct from Chicago), and grab a rental car when you land.

## FOR BOHEMIANS Happiness is gently swinging in a

hammock, air-dried mermaid hair, and sand in your toes.

### TRANCOSO, BRAZIL

Colonized by Portugal in the 1500s, then invaded-peacefully-by hippies in the 1970s, this chilled-out slice of paradise is part fishing village, part cool-kid retreat. The quadrado, or central square, is edged by cottages painted in Easter-egg shades and illuminated by lanterns at night. And, of course, the beach scene kills it. There are coves for solitude or, if you prefer, strands dotted with clubs that throw epic dance parties.

WHERE TO STAY Opened by the former creative director of Diesel, the crazy-sexy-cool Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa has 10 atmospheric abodes (Casa da Árvore, a tree house, is a honeymoon-worthy love shack), pool and beach bars, and a concierge happy to set you up with a capoeira martial-arts lesson (from \$483 a night, uxua.com). For your own private pad, consider the beachfront Casa das Brisas (\$1,120 a night) or the secluded Casa do Fogo (from \$1,025 a night), both bookable through Brazilian Beach House (brazilianbeachhouse.com).

WHERE TO EAT Legendary Argentine chef Francis Mallmann serves up grilled meats and fish in a breezy sea-view setting at Los Negros (los negros-jacaretrancoso.com). Arranging a meal at Restaurante da Silvinha on nearby Espelho Beach is an adventure: You call for a reservation, and then wade across an ankle-deep inlet to reach the shanty-style eatery for seafood that's so worth the trek. And to drink? Caipirinhas muddled with fruit, or a lemon-vodka L'Enfant Terrible at the exclusive Monkey Bar. The owners don't give out the address, but not to worry-everyone in Trancoso can direct you to its garden space.

DON'T MISS Ask for help locating the lesser-known lagoon near Taipe Beach, which boasts cliffs filled with mineral-rich clay that you rub on, let dry, then rinse off to leave silkysmooth skin.

WHEN TO GO March and April-after Carnival but before the rainy season.

### **HOW TO GET THERE**

Hop a 12-hour flight to Porto Seguro from New York City, with a connection in San Paulo.

